

REMARKS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 33. The Examiner states that claims 29-32 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. However, no such rejection(s) were set forth therein. Applicant therefore assumes that claims 29-32 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; allowance thereof is gratefully acknowledged. However, as discussed below, Applicant submits that all claims are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rippere. Such rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 21-28 require the step of "applying at least one magnetic field to the particles". Although Rippere discloses co-deposition of particles, he does not apply any magnetic field to the particles. The Examiner referred to col. 3, ll. 35-45 as disclosing the application of a magnetic field to the particles; however, only electro-deposition is disclosed therein. As disclosed throughout the reference, the deposition of magnetic materials in Rippere is solely by electro-deposition; nowhere in Rippere is a magnetic field applied to the particles.

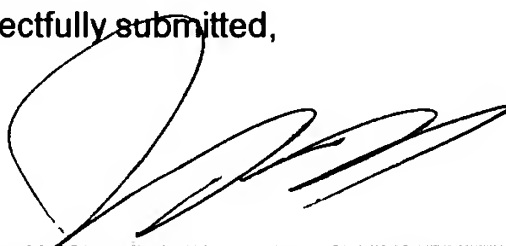
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Also being filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time to February 8, 2005, with the appropriate fee. Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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